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To the Bala Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health for 1949.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended December 31st. 1949

Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area.....	669 acres.		
Registrar General's estimate of			
Resident Population.....	1510		
Number of Inhabited Houses.....	497		
Rateable Value.....	7673		
Sum represented by ld. rate.....	£28. 8. 4	615.	
	M.	F.	Total
Live Births: Legitimate	12	12	24
Illegitimate	0	2	2
Birth rate per 1000 population.....			17.3
Still Births: Legitimate.....	0	0	
Illegitimate.....	0	0	
Death of Infants under 1 year of age:			
Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate.....	0	0	
Deaths.....	11	11	22
Death rate.....			14.7
Comparability Factor.....			.83

Causes of Death for the Area during the year.

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.....	2	0	2
Cancer of Stomach or Duodenum.....	2	0	2
Cancer of breast.....	0	1	1
Cancer of all other sites.....	1	0	1
Heart diseases.....	4	5	9
Intracranial Vascular Lesions.....	0	2	2
Nephritis.....	0	2	2
Congenital conditions.....	0	1	1
Violence	1	0	1
All other causes	1	0	1

Death Rates from:

Tuberculosis.....	1.3
Cancer.....	2.7
Circulatory Diseases.....	7.3
Childbirth.....	0

General Provision of Health Services.

Medical Officer of Health (part-time) - Dr. Robert Jones M.B.Ch.B.
Sanitary Inspector - Mr. D.J.Jones.

Clinics:

- (a) Tuberculosis (King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial)
- (b) Infant Welfare.
- (c) Orthodpoedic.

Arrangements for the care of expectant and nursing mothers and young children, domiciliary midwifery service, health visiting and home nursing, vaccination and immunisation, domestic help and ambulance service are administered by the County Council.

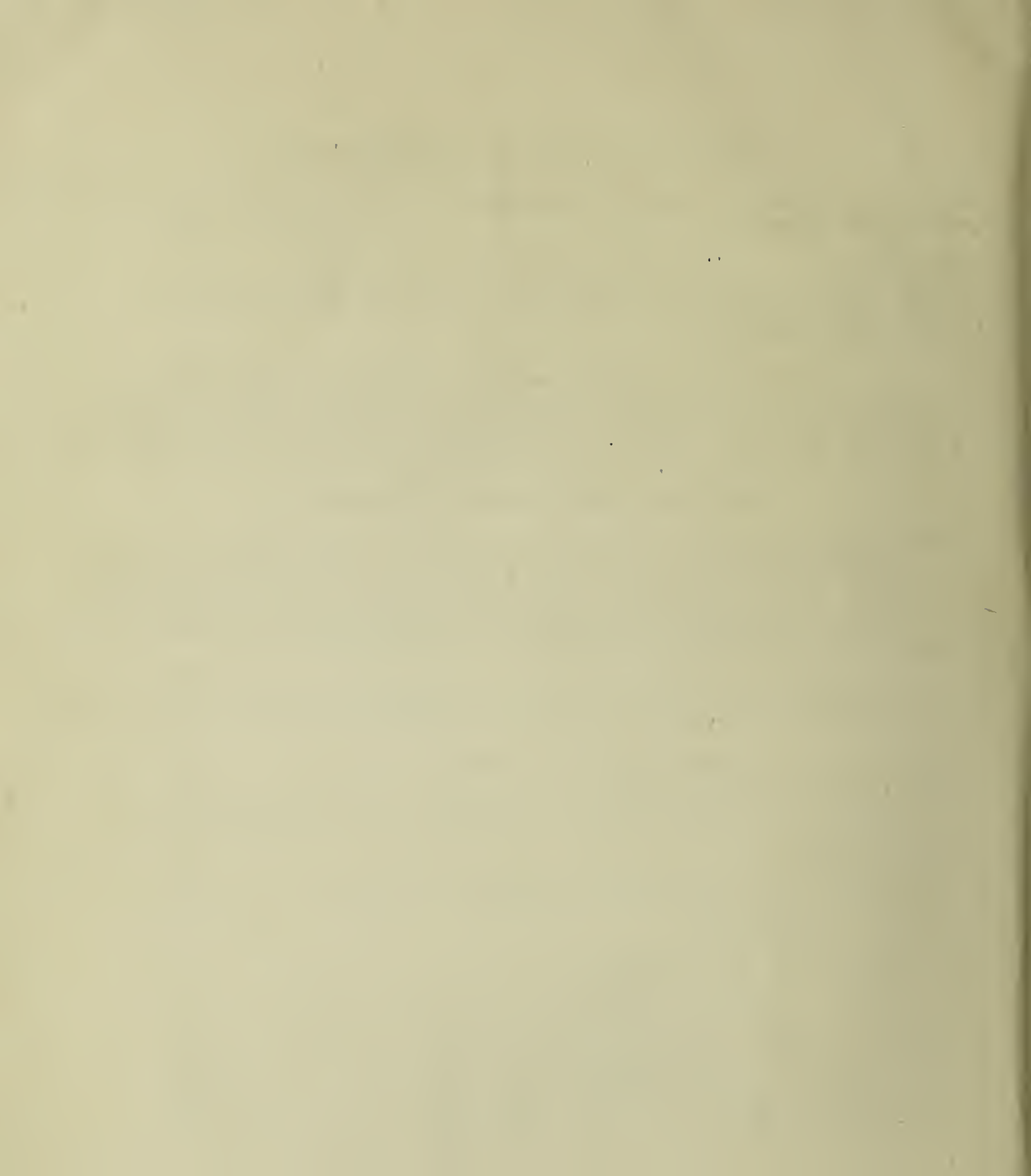
Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply:

Bacteriological analyses of the water taken during the year indicate that its quality is satisfactory. In order to combat any tendency to plumbo solvency all new or renewed services are put in copper. Reservoirs and storage tanks are regularly cleared and filter screens renewed periodically as required.

All the houses in the area are served by a piped water supply, some few houses having only one tap outside the house.

Total number of Formal Notices issued.....	12
Total number complied with.....	9
(Eight notices issued under the Housing Act 1936 and some of these have not been completed, but work is in progress or has been authorised)	
Total new houses completed by Local Authority.....	22
Total new houses completed by Private enterprise.....	Nil
Visits to Cowsheds.....	43
Notices re defects.....	4
Notices re removal of ashes.....	2
Notices re removal of manure.....	6
Notices re defects to drains.....	5
Number of Pail closets converted to Water closets.....	Nil
Number of new water closets.....	44
Total number of water closets.....	513
Number of closets serving more than one house.....	14
Milk samples taken.....	Nil



Supervision of Foods.

Food Condemned:

Meat: Frozen Argentine boneless beef, 68 lbs. due to sourness and taint.

Other Foods:

Tinned meat and meat soups	47	tins
Tinned vegetables and fruit	85	"
Tinned milks.....	47	"
Jams and marmalade.....	45	"
Tinned fish.....	13	"
Salad cream.....	15	bottles
Cooking fat.....	560	lbs.

The Cooking Fat was returned via Trade channels according to the Ministry of Food instructions. The majority of tinned foods became contaminated by the tins being damaged in transit or in handling.

Infectious Diseases.

The following table summarises the cases of infectious diseases notified during the year:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Measles	1	2	3
Tuberculosis Pul.	1	0	1
Tuberculosis Non Pul.	1	0	1

I wish to express my thanks to the County Medical Officer of Health, Sanitary Inspector and members of the Council for their co-operation and assistance.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT JONES.

